

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 22. (canceled)

21. (previously added) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 or a complement thereof.

22. (previously added) An isolated polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 or a complement of said polynucleotide.

23. (currently amended) A fragment of the isolated polynucleotide of claim 21 or 22 ~~1 or 2~~ wherein said fragment can rescue at least one phenotype in a *gro-1(e2400)* *C. elegans* mutant.

24. (previously added) The fragment of claim 23 comprising nucleotides 1121-1210 of SEQ ID NO:3 wherein a polypeptide encoded by said fragment contains a zinc finger motif.

25. (currently amended) The polynucleotide of claim 21 or 22 ~~21, 22, or 23~~ further comprising one or more nucleic acid sequences encoding a heterologous polypeptide.

26. (previously added) The polynucleotide of claim 25 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is green fluorescent protein (GFP).

27. (currently amended) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 21 or 22 ~~21, 22, 23, or 25~~.

28. (previously added) The vector of claim 27 that is an expression vector.

29. (currently amended) A host cell which comprises the vector of claim ~~27 or 28~~.

30. (new) A host cell which comprises the vector of claim 28.
31. (new) A vector comprising the fragment of polynucleotide of claim 23.
32. (new) The vector of claim 31 that is an expression vector.
33. (new) A host cell which comprises the vector of claim 31.
34. (new) A host cell which comprises the vector of claim 32.
35. (new) The fragment of polynucleotide of claim 23 further comprising one or more nucleic acid sequences encoding a heterologous polypeptide.
36. (new) The fragment of polynucleotide of claim 35 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is green fluorescent protein (GFP).
37. (new) A vector comprising the fragment of polynucleotide of claim 35.
38. (new) The vector of claim 37 that is an expression vector.
39. (new) A host cell which comprises the vector of claim 37.